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In re Application of:

AOYAGI et al.

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR
LASER DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with:

The present invention relates to a semiconductor laser device, and, more particularly, to a semiconductor laser device having a diffraction grating layer with a phase shift structure used for optical communication.